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From: (b) (6)  
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2016 2:00 PM  
To: HarborComments <[HarborComments@epa.gov](mailto:HarborComments@epa.gov)>  
Subject: Portland deserves a better cleanup plan

Dear Administrator Gina McCarthy,

You have undoubtedly received numerous emails and other communications from Oregon residents concerned about your recent plan for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site and its impacts on livability in and around Portland. Please add me to that list.

By law, the EPA is charged with working "with" communities and "potentially responsible parties" to formulate cleanup plans. I dare say you got little of that right. Even the Port of Portland questions the viability of your plan, knowing it could be better. (Portland Business Journal, 08/31/16)

You must hold the polluters responsible for cleaning up the mess they've made. This is what the EPA does.

As with other members of the Audubon Society, Columbia Land Trust, and the community at large, we urge you to revise the plan in the following ways:

1. Select Alternative G to mandate additional dredging in areas of high human use, high ecological value, and high risk of re-contamination of the river.
2. In a data-driven economy, the EPA must set clearer timelines and metrics for clean-up success. If we can't measure it, then it didn't happen.
3. Select an alternative that allows all members of our community to eat fish safely from our river, including women and children. You may not be aware of it, but many poorer and marginalized populations angle the river for basic sustenance. They rely on healthy fish for their families.
4. Include in your cleanup plan the heavily contaminated uplands.
5. Pay more than lip service to environmental justice issues, including (a) correcting significant deficiencies in your public engagement strategies for future phases of the process; and (b) delineating strategies for ensuring the jobs and other benefits related to the clean-up process. Especially to the affected underserved communities we mention above
6. Eliminate the confined disposal facility that would create a permanent toxic waste dump in our river. This is simply intolerable.

Your plan stinks like the river it's supposed to fix. But you now have a second chance to do the right thing. Please don't futz it up.

Thank you, and sincerely yours,

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